THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Director of Food Corporation of India, vide his letter dated 15-10-1994, has requested for cancellation of the balance imports of sugar being undertaken by State Trading Corporation of India/Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation Ltd. Mainly on the grounds of delay in the arrivals of imported sugar, improvement in the availability of sugar, better prospects for the current season etc.

(c) and (d) The decision to allow import of sugar under Open General Licence has been taken after considering all aspects, including the foreign exchange position.

Changing Location of Establishment of Kaveri Vibhag Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Limited

2771. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal from Gujarat State for change of the location for establishment of Kaveri Vibhag Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Limited. Chikhali, District Valsad ;

(b) if so, at which stage the proposal is lying ; and

(c) by when, the matter is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal of M/s Kaveri Vibhag Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Limited for change of location from Khata-Amba, Taluka-Vansada, district Valsad to Sadadvel, Taluka-Chikhali, district Valsad for establishment of a new sugar factory in the State of Gujarat has since been rejected by the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development.

Allocation of Levy Sugar Quota on Population Basis

2772. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to allot the levy sugar quota on the basis of actual population as per 1991 census and also allow growth rate for increase in population during subsequent years for additional adhoc allocation to the States ;

(b) if so, from when ;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to restore adhoc allocation of 5% which was discontinued from April, 1994 onwards ; and

(d) whether Government are considering for extra allocation for the areas covered under Revamped Public Distribution System with a view to have smooth distribution of levy sugar in remote areas of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is not such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

गेहूं और चावल का भंडार

2773. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

(क) 31 अक्तूबर, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार सरकार के पास गेहूं और चावल के भंडारों का ब्यौरा क्या है :

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ये भंडार पिछले कुछ वर्षों में उपलब्ध भंडारों से कहीं ज्यादा हैं, यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के तुलनात्मक आंकड़ें क्या हैं ;

(ग) वर्ष 1994 में उक्त भंडारों में से कितनी मात्रा उचित भंडारण के अभाव में नष्ट हो गयी थी ; और

(घ) अधिक समय तक खाद्यान्नों के भंडारण के परिणामस्वरूप उनमें जो खराबी आती है, उससे बचने के लिए उक्त भंडार के वितरण अथवा विक्रय संबंधी सरकार की भावी योजनाएं क्या-क्या हैं ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय): (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय पूल में खाद्यान्नों के स्टाक की स्थिति निम्नानुसार है :—

(मिलियन मीटरी टन में)

स्थिति के अनुसार	चावल	गेहूं	मोटे अनाज	जोड़
31 अक्तूबर, 1991 . . .	6.98	7.38	नगण्य	14.36
31 अक्तूबर, 1992(अ०) . . .	6.51	4.03	नगण्य	10.54

स्थिति के अनुसार	चावल	गेहूं	मोटे अनाज	जोड़
31 अक्तूबर, 1993(अ०) . . .	8.26	12.94	नगण्य	21 20
31 अक्तूबर, 1994(अ०) . . .	15.44	14.98	नगण्य	30.42

(अ०)=अनन्तिम

(ग) उचित भण्डारण की कमी के कारण 1994 में खाद्यान्नों की कोई हानि नहीं हुई।

(घ) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली/सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली में खाद्यान्नों का वितरण करने के अलावा स्टाक को कम करने के लिए किए जा रहे उपाय ये हैं :—

(i) गहूं और चावल की खुली बिक्री जारी रखना,

(ii) माडर्न फूड इंस्ट्रीज (इंडिया) लिमिटेड को कम मूल्यों पर गेहूं की आपूर्ति करना ताकि वे अपनी ब्रेड कम मूल्यों पर बेच सकें।

(iii) सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की दरों पर अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति/अन्य पिछड़ी जाति के छात्रावासों आदि को खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति करना, और

(iv) गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे आने वाली खाद्य प्रसंस्करण संबंधी लघु इकाइयों को रियायती दरों पर खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति करना।

Licences for Sugar Mills

2774. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 507 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1994 and State the number of applications for licences for setting up of sugar mills received during the last three years and grounds on which they were rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : 246 applications were received through the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar factories in various States of the country during the last three sugar years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (October—September): Applications have been rejected on grounds ranging from locational angle and/or non-availability of sugarcane, capacity constraints, etc.

Building up Sugar Buffer Stock

2775. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to build up sugar buffer stock;

(b) what is the reaction of the Civil Supplies Ministry to the sugar buffer plan;

(c) whether Government would consider the necessity of building the buffer stock which might go a long way in evening out fluctuations in open market prices;

(d) the circumstances under which Government has permitted the Indian Sugar General Industry Import and Export Corporation to re-export around 12,000 tonnes it had imported under the Advance Licence Scheme of the 1992—97 policy; and

(e) its impact on the open marke and the likely earning of foreign exchange from this export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The matter regarding creation of buffer stock of sugar is under the consideration of Government.

(d) Indian Sugar & General Industry Export Import Corporation Limited had imported 12000 metric tonnes of raw sugar under Advance Licence Scheme under which it is obligatory on the part of the importers to export the white sugar obtained by reprocessing the imported raw sugar. Accordingly the Corporation has to export white sugar reprocessed out of imported raw sugar.

(e) This will have no impact on the open market. The likely earning of foreign exchange from this export is about US $ 42 lakhs.

Boosting Production of Foodgrain

2776. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to boost the production of foodgrains in the country during the year 1995-96;

(b) whether Government have constituted any task force for the improvement in agricultural production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a)